

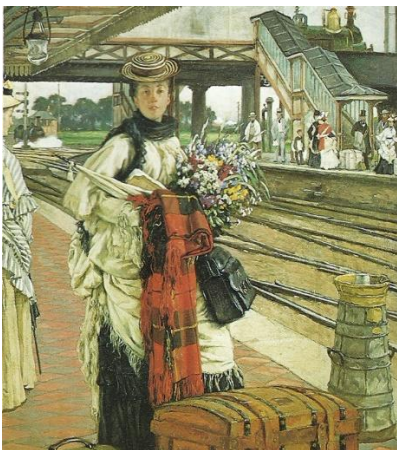
## JOIN THE u3a FOR SOME SUMMER PROGRAMME FUN

Moving on from Zoom events, Ilkley & District u3a is inviting members to join in the Summer Programme fun this year for some socially distanced walks and talks. There are over 20 events on offer in July and early August with talks on topics ranging from discovering the secrets of the Da Vinci code to Immunology for Beginners. Outdoor events include a walk to discover prehistoric rock art on Ilkley Moor and a walk along the waterfront in Leeds. Details of all the events can be found on the u3a website at [ilkleyu3a.org](http://ilkleyu3a.org).



The first socially distanced presentation took place on Monday 5th July when a near capacity audience met in Clarke Foley for a talk by the u3a Railway Group.

The leader of the Railway Group, Robin Leleux, used historical illustrations and readings from contemporary articles and speeches to show how the coming of the railways made a fundamental change to the social fabric of the country in the Victorian era. He described how the railways transformed everything from the way the newspapers and the post were distributed throughout the country, to the ability for city centre residents to be provided with fresh fish for the first time.



The Railway Group welcomes new members. The first meeting of the new season will be held at 2:15 pm on Tuesday 5th October at the Clarke Foley Centre. The talk will be about the Thameslink line that has transformed rail travel through the centre of London but did you know many of its tunnels were excavated well over a century ago?



**Thameslink**

Before you can join the Railway Group you need to be a member of Ilkley & District u3a. Annual membership is only £13.50 a year and entitles you to join any of the 140 groups on offer. If you would like to find out about the Summer Programme and other activities, then go to the website at [ilkleyu3a.org](http://ilkleyu3a.org) and follow the links. Find us also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#):

Alternatively, come along to a Drop-in on the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month at the Clarke Foley Centre where you can meet and chat with our friendly u3a representatives.